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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: VISIT OF BRITISH GOODWILL MISSION TO LAR

1. LAST WEEK EMBOFF HAD BRIEF CHAT WITH MESSRS JACSON AND MANSFIELD OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF ARAB-BRITISH UNDERSTANDING; THEY CONFIRMED LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THEIR VISITS WITH MINFO DURDA, ACTING FORMIN OBEIDI, AND PLANNING MINISTER BALU. THEY VIEWED THEIR RECEPTION AS CORDIAL AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR LIMITED LIBYAN FUNDING OF THE ARAB-BRITISH CENTER IN LONDON. ALSO CLAIMED THEY HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO LIBYANS THAT THEIR PURPOSE IS TO FURTHER ARAB-BRITISH UNDERSTANDING, NOT ACT AS A PROPAGANDA OUTLET FOR LIBYAN CAUSES.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT BOTH MEN HAD GAINED THE IMPRESSION FROM TALKING WITH MEMBERS OF BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES HERE THAT QADHAFI'S DAYS AS CHIEF OF STATE MAY BE NUMBERED. PRIME MINISTER JALLUD WAS TOUTED AS THE LIKELY SUCCESSOR. STATED DIFFERENTLY, THIS APPARENTLY IS A PRIVATE VIEW OF SOME OF OUR FRENCH
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AND BRITISH COLLEAGUES. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT

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JALLUD COULD COPE WITH THE JOB, EMBOFF REPLIED MERELY
THAT "HE PROBABLY CAN GROW INTO IT."
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